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For: Methods of incorporating

phosphate/borate fire retardant

formulations into wood based composite

products

: LETTER REGARDING

: MERGING OF APPLICATION

: FILES

This is a response to the request filed on 02/13/02, in above-identified application, essentially requesting that the file of the above-identified application and the file that contains a duplicate copy of the application papers be merged. The request is granted.

Applicant is hereby notified that the file of the above-identified application and the file that contains a duplicate copy of the application papers will be merged.

All papers in the file that contains the duplicate copy will be placed in application No. 10/038522. All future correspondence concerning the application should be directed to this application number.

Application No. 10/046642, assigned to the file that contains the duplicate papers, will no longer be active.

The filing fee paid in the file that contains the duplicate papers will be refunded. All notices mailed by the Office in the file that contains the duplicate papers are hereby vacated.

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